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President:	Mr. Li Baodong	(China)
Members:	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Ms. Marinčić
	Brazil	Mrs. Viotti
	Colombia	Mr. Alzate
	France	Mr. Araud
	Gabon	Mr. Messone
	Germany	Mr. Wittig
	India	Mr. Raguttahalli
	Lebanon	Mr. Assaf
	Nigeria	Mrs. Ogwu
	Portugal	Mr. Moraes Cabral
	Russian Federation	Mr. Dolgov
	South Africa	Mr. Sangqu
	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Mr. Parham
	United States of America	Mr. Dunn

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The situation in Liberia

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The meeting was called to order at 10.10 a.m.

Expression of thanks to the retiring President

The President (*spoke in Chinese*): As this is the first meeting of the Security Council for the month of March, I should like to take this opportunity to pay tribute, on behalf of the Council, to Her Excellency Mrs. Maria Luiza Ribeiro Viotti, Permanent Representative of Brazil to the United Nations, for her service as President of the Security Council for the month of February 2011. I am sure I speak for all members of the Council in expressing deep appreciation to Ambassador Viotti and her delegation for the great diplomatic skill with which they conducted the Council's business last month.

Expression of welcome to the new Permanent Representative of Gabon to the United Nations

The President (*spoke in Chinese*): I should like, at the outset of the meeting, to extend a warm welcome on behalf of the Council to the new Permanent Representative of Gabon to the United Nations, His Excellency Mr. Noël Nelson Messone. We look forward to cooperating closely with him.

Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

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The President (*spoke in Chinese*): Under rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure, I should like to invite the representative of Sierra Leone to participate in this meeting.

The Security Council will now begin its consideration of the item on its agenda.

Members of the Council have before them document S/2011/106, which contains the text of a draft resolution submitted by the United States of America.

I wish to draw the attention of the members of the Council to document S/2011/74, which contains a letter dated 11 February 2011 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council.

It is my understanding that the Council is ready to proceed to the vote on the draft resolution before it. Unless I hear any objection, I shall put the draft resolution to the vote now.

There being no objection, it is so decided.

A vote was taken by show of hands.

In favour:

Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, China, Colombia, France, Gabon, Germany, India, Lebanon, Nigeria, Portugal, Russian Federation, South Africa, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America.

The President (*spoke in Chinese*): There were 15 votes in favour. The draft resolution has been adopted unanimously as resolution 1971 (2011).

The Security Council has thus concluded the present stage of its consideration of the item on its agenda. The Council will remain seized of the matter.

The meeting rose at 10.15 a.m.